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TERMS OF SCHECKIPTION. (Strictly in advance.

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SAVE THIS FOR REFERENCE.

Here is a little record of the first fiscal year under the new tariff. It is worth putting in your pocket-book for reference:

McKinley law, two months, surplus. \$6,025,471.

Wilson law, ten months, deficiency, \$50,520,644.

Deficiency for fiscal year, \$44. 494,183.

Deficiency on sinking fund for year, \$48,000,000. Bonds issued during year,

\$1,112,315,400. Postal deficiency of year, \$11,-

000,000. Postal receipts below estimates,

\$9,000,000. Customs receipts below esti-

mates, \$7,641,324. Internal revenue below estimates, \$22,614,244.

Total receipts below estimates, \$30,000,000.

Total receipts below expendi-

tures, \$44.949.303. December estimate of receipts

coming year, \$476,907.407. Present prospect for receipts of coming year,\$376,000,000.

Prospective shortage in receipts compared with estimates, \$100,

Prospective shortage in receipts compared with expenses, \$72, 000,000.

Col. T. B. Mills is to prepare an article for the Optic on beet culture. Good! Will there be any sugar in it Colonel?

Times must be close in the East for every mail is full of clap trap schemes to make a dollar without giving an equivalent.

Do not forget the Territorial fair at Albuquerque, September 17th to 21st. Only next month. There will be a grand time and the best fair ever had in New

What with the 16 to 1 craze-The New Woman craze-The democratic administration-and the big arroya-Socorro seems to be in pretty good position to start the world anew.

Russia has not only done a neat thing in the diplomatic line by guaranteeing the new Chinese loan, but will also make a very neat profit on it. She guaranteed an 80-million-dollar loan, on which-China will pay 5 per cent; be then borrowed the money in the financial centers of Western Europe at 4 per cent, thus making they come with a roar that sounds \$800,000 a year interest. The like Niagara and one can imagine security she obtains from China is not yet known, but it is believed to be a territorial con- clinging to their skirts. cession, which will enable her to bring the great Siberian railway to a terminal at a port never icebound in winter. Russian diplomacy is the most successful in the world there days.

We have had a democratic conpublishes the following nonsense:

have commenced again despite the paternal watchfulness of "the syndicate" over the national fully from fifteen to seventeen treasury. Yesterday, so the disfect deep, and add to this a fall gatch-tell us, \$1,000,000 in gold

at New York "by the Bank of Montreal for shipment to Europe.' Here's fresh evidence of the financial legacy left American citizens by the Republican party. John Sherman, Hoar, Allison, Quay and the balance of 'em have for thirty years been framing the acts of congress as to perpetuate the power of the gold rust, and as a result Great Britain is now master of exchequer for the United States. Yesterday's shipment of American treasury gold to Europe at Canadian dictation clearly demonstrates this

The New Mexican says: * but we may reasonably consider if the circumstance of good crops doesn't in a measure indicate that the Lord is with the Democratic administration.

Not much! The Lord does not play draw poker; does not go duele hunting on Sunday, does not pull the legs of eastern capitalists by selling them sand bars for gold mines does not reside at Gray Gables and pull his shirt off over his head without unbottoning it. He is not crime extinguisher. He does not blacken private characters by dirty underhanded slanders. He does not run his country in form of the British. No, No, Mr. New Mexican! Whatever you do be honest. You know the devil takes care of his own and that's your prosperity.

THE WASHOUT.

On Saturday night last few slept in Socorro until after midnight. The big arroya came down bank full and carried away the water main across it on Park street and overflowed all the residence portion of the city, south of old Spring street now the main channel of the south branch of the arroya.

On Sunday morning we passed up the track of the water to the south end of the mountains, where the dam used to be, and the scene of desolation was complete.

At the southwest corner of the city, in the vicinity of Vigil's mill, where the arroya enters the town the deep banks have been swept away and the whole mouth filled up with immense washed boulders from the size of a cobble stone to several tons in weight. This filling or wash from the mountains has completely filled up the speak? old channel and the new one down old Spring street leaving the city nestling at the foot of the arroya, or rather in its jaws and subject to be swept by any future torrent that may come

The people are uneasy and when a storm gathers in the vicinity of Timber peak everyone question as to how much rain will

the feelings of the poor women with their helpless little children

On Saturday night all the men were out. Horses were saddled and everything in readiness to give assistance, were it needed, but, thank God, there was not much water and so the danger

At the point of the Socorro gress and administration for two mountain, where the big bridge years and yet Thornton's paper of the Magdalena branch was washed away, the channel through "So the gold shipments abroad which the water rushed was fifty steps wide-about 135 feet-and

was drawn out of the sub-treasury of several hundred feet between that point and the city, less than three miles away, and some idea may be formed of the terrific force with which this flood came on Socorro and the only wonder is that it did not do more damage than it did. This can be accounted for by reason of the old channels being able to carry most of the water on either side of the city and only the overflow going through the town. These conditions do not obtain now. Thousands of tons of washed boulders at the mouth of the arroya have filled up the channels. The banks are gone and the way paved for another big flood to sweep this city out of existence. Can this be averted? Yes, by opening up the spillway or canal, at the point of the mountain, one hundred and fifty feet wide and fifteen feet deep and let the whole arroya empty itself into it and south of the city. When that is done a very little embankment will keep it there, for as the water comes down it strikes the mountain and is turned in an almost direct course to the cut made several years ago, and had that cut been opened, and widened, and deepened, as it should have been, there would today, be no newly made graves in Socorro to mark the victories of last weeks flood.

We are met with the answer that there is no money, the people are poor, and that it will cost too much. Our answer is that very little money is needed. What it needs is days labor, a pick, a shovel and a wheelbarrow. Those who have property can very easily give part to save all. Those who have can hire men, and set them to work. Each can contribute and the work can be 'done. The question is: Will you do it? Or will you let the arroya take the city? Which?

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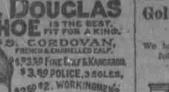
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